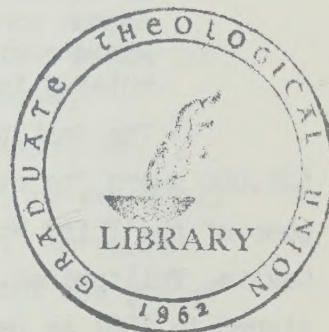


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FUND GRANT RECIPIENT

WINS MAGSAYSAY AWARD

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NEW YORK (DPS, Oct. 9) -- The International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), an organization which has received funding from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, is the recipient of the 1986 Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding, regarded as "Asia's Nobel Prize." The award was presented in recognition of the Institute's efforts in promoting international understanding through international training programs and seminars in rural reconstruction.

The Institute, whose twin aims are generating knowledge on how to enable the rural people to improve their lives and sharing this knowledge with other development agencies worldwide, has projects reaching more than 40 countries, with the heaviest involvement being in Asia, Africa and Latin America. One of these projects, "A Participatory Approach Against Rural Poverty," was the recipient of a grant for \$7,500 from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in 1985.

Upon receiving word that the Institute had won the Ramon Masaysay Award, the Fund's Executive Director, the Rev. Canon Samir J. Habiby, commented, "This is a great recognition of the important work of

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the Institute in promoting development. It is also an affirmation of the far-sighted granting policies of the Fund's Board of Directors, which enable this type of participatory development to take place."

In part, the award citation read:

The IIRR...is unique among government and nongovernment agencies attempting to encourage development in the Third World.

In training workers and farmers to organize around their common concerns and thus build a more attractive future in the world's villages, the Institute leads with a purpose and accumulated insight that are becoming an international asset.

The Institute, which has announced that it will use the \$20,000 award "to expand and strengthen these programs for the rural poor of the Third World," is located on a 50-hectare site in Silang, Cavite, Philippines. It is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1967 as basically a research and training center, but it is an outgrowth of the Chinese Mass Education Movement founded in Mainland China more than 60 years ago by Dr. Y. C. James Yen and his wife, Alice. Yen himself received the Magsaysay Award in 1960.

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BISHOP CILLEY DIES AT

HOUSE OF BISHOPS MEETING

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SAN ANTONIO (DPS, Oct. 9) -- The Rt. Rev. Roger Howard Cilley, retired suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Texas, died here on Sept. 26, a day after the official adjournment of the 1986 interim House of Bishops meeting.

The funeral service was held in Trinity Church, Galveston, on Sept. 29 and Cilley was buried in the Episcopal Cemetery there.

Consecrated suffragan bishop in 1976, he served until his retirement to Austin in 1985. A former Shakesperean actor, he was known for his powerful speaking voice and for his pastoral gifts. He served as rector of Trinity, Galveston, for 15 years, and throughout his years as bishop, retained a warm affection for the people of the island.

Cilley was a native of Corning, N.Y. and held B.S. and M.A. degrees from New York University. He received his M.Div. from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin in 1956 and was honored with the D.D. degree by both his alma mater and the University of the South. He taught drama both at New York University and the University of Texas, prior to entering seminary.

Ordained to the diaconate in July 1956 and to the priesthood in June 1957 by Bishop Hines, Cilley served first as assistant and later as rector of St. Thomas, College Station, Texas; during that time (1956-58), he was also chaplain at Texas A & M. In 1958, he moved on to spend four years as rector of Holy Comforter, Angleton, from which he moved on to Galveston in 1962. He served in a number of diocesan positions and as a deputy to six General Conventions. He was also a consultant to the Prayer Book Revision Committee from 1967 to 1973.

Cilley is survived by his wife, Louise; a son, Richard Clark; and a daughter, Barbara Louise.

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CHURCH ARMY WINS

FUNDING, RECRUIT

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NEW YORK (DPS, Oct. 9) — For more than a century, the Church Army has been rich in evangelistic zeal and enthusiasm, and now the organization is also richer in dollars, thanks to a Church-wide appeal for funds endorsed earlier this year by Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning.

Meeting here Sept. 22-23, the Church Army's board heard president Betty Connelly of Newport Beach, Calif., report that more than \$11,000 has been received in response to an appeal letter sent to church leaders by Browning. Funds are still being received. More are being sought.

"We feel it is an excellent response to Browning's appeal, particularly since we are still in the process of renewing our structure and establishing once again the Church Army as a major force for evangelism in the Episcopal Church," said Connelly. "We appreciate the support of the Presiding Bishop and feel the response to the appeal indicates good support from the Church's membership as well."

A further sign of revitalization in the Army came just a week later, when Browning presided at the Commissioning of George Kirnon, first new officer in the Army in nearly a decade. Kirnon will serve as a street evangelist at St. Andrew's Church, Harlem. Asked what drew him to the Army, Kirnon said he had studied at lay institutes for years then, "one day, one of the Army directors came and made such a fiery speech that she almost carried all of us away." In that fashion, Army development officer Valerie Hillsdon-Hutton won the first new recruit.

The board also acknowledged a \$1,000 gift from the Special Outreach Fund of the Church of St. John the Divine, Houston, Texas. An accompanying letter said, "We fully support the work and philosophy of the Church Army and wish you well as you revitalize the organization." The gift will be used to supplement the Army's evangelist training fund.

The Church Army is the Episcopal Church's participation in the international evangelistic organization by that name which serves several provinces of the Anglican Communion. The Rev. George Pierce, Glenwood Springs, Colo., is national director. Bishop Victor Rivera of the Diocese of San Joaquin chairs the Bishops' Advisory Committee.

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ANGLICAN BISHOPS STIR
CONTROVERSY IN KENYA

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NAIROBI, Kenya (DPS, Oct. 9) -- The opposition of Anglican bishops to one-party rule has prompted public rebuttals from government representatives, according to Africa Church Information Service reports.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Okullu of the Diocese of Maseno South criticized one-party political systems in a recent sermon on the grounds that they force conformity, breed despotism and subvert democracy.

Replying to Okullu, government minister Oloo Aringo accused the bishop of using "the pulpit to abuse the freedom the country has allowed." He said the bishop was being used as the stooge of "foreign masters." Burudi Nabwera, secretary-general of the Kenya African National Union (KANU), the country's only legal political party, also responded, saying that multi-party systems in Africa tended to encourage tribal division and intolerance.

Another Anglican bishop, Alexander Kipsang 'Muge of Eldoret diocese, had previously drawn government criticism for describing the Church's role as "to stand up against the pressures of totalitarianism in the name of one-party systems and against the detention of political opponents without trial".

The controversy about one-party states follows uproar over a change in KANU voting procedure which church representatives have criticized. The new regulation requires voters in preliminary elections to line up behind candidates of their choice, although actual parliamentary elections, for candidates receiving at least 30 percent of the preliminary vote, are still by secret ballot.

Following the announcement of the new procedure, 1,200 pastors attending a conference under the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Kenya threatened not to take part in elections under the new arrangement on the grounds that it would compromise their church work to be identified with a particular candidate. Eventually, Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi exempted church leaders as well as certain members of the civil service and army from the requirement. They will now be allowed to vote by secret ballot or "proxy."

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Recently, Moi has cautioned "some church leaders" who speak out on political issues they are not competent to talk about to concentrate on their spiritual roles and to respect the authority which has continued to provide freedom and security for the whole country. However, Kenyan Vice President Mwai Kibaki has urged church leaders to speak out on matters affecting the nation -- not only to criticize when things go wrong but also to commend and support the government for positive developments.

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CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

MAKES BOOK FUND GRANTS

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MENOMONIE, Wis. (DPS, Oct. 9) -- Thirty-three recipients from around the world shared over \$17,000 awarded by the National Books Fund Committee of the Church Periodical Club in September.

Meeting at Bundy Hall, the diocesan retreat center here, committee members considered 36 requests. Grants include gifts to libraries in Korea and South Africa, in the Philippines and Brazil, as well as money to buy Bibles for a prison ministry in Texas and a deacons' training program in Navajoland.

The Church Periodical Club, which will celebrate its 100th birthday in 1988, provides books and related materials, free of charge, to anyone engaged in the mission of the Church. It is totally dependent on volunteers and donations to carry out this work.

Annual letters are sent to the Episcopal seminaries, asking for the names of students who qualify for book awards. Requests for money to establish or improve libraries are received constantly at the national office at the Episcopal Church Center in New York. Gifts provide the money for granting sessions, which are held at six month intervals.

The September meeting was chaired by Barbara Braun, Diocese of Eau Claire, who heads the National Books Fund committee.

Other business of the Club was considered by its Executive Board following the granting session, with Sally H. Park of Wheeling, W. Va., national president, serving as chair. Board members were present from eight provinces of the Episcopal Church. Louis H. Gill, treasurer, presented a financial report, and a budget of \$56,000 was approved. Annual reports were accepted and tentative plans discussed for a gala birthday celebration at the Church Periodical Club Triennial national meeting in Detroit, just preceeding the General Convention in 1988.

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